

## **MINUTES**

### **HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CERTIFICATE OF NEED AND RELATED HOSPITAL ISSUES**

**Thursday, September 13, 2012**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Room 544, LOB**

The House Select Committee on Certificate of Need and Related Hospital Issues met on Thursday, September 13, 2012 in Room 544, LOB at 1:00 p.m. Representatives Avila, Collins, Current, Glazier, and Torbett were present.

Representative Torbett presided.

Amy Jo Johnson and Jan Paul presented a review of topics before the committee (please see attached and on committee website).

Drexdal Pratt gave an update from the Division of Health Service Regulation (please see attached and on committee website).

Representative Avila: Has the department looked at new E-forms that the controller's office is implementing?

Drexdal Pratt: We have not, but are looking at a new processing system for our division, and would be happy to get with the controller's office about this.

Representative Glazier: Is there a selective comparison in the Dixon Hughes report?

Chris Taylor: There are six reports and that is included.

Representative Current: The Simpson Bowles report says that the number one issue is cost of healthcare for economic recovery, has this been studied, at what degree, do they get into the CON and getting a handle on it?

Craig Smith: A former SHCC member noted that healthcare costs in North Carolina compare very favorably as it relates to California, Florida, and Texas.

Representative Current: I would question a full evaluation of the Simpson Bowles report and if Certificate of Need comes into it.

Representative Avila: Why not a comparison of South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, neighboring states?

Craig Smith: We will have that at next meeting (please see attached 2009 healthcare expenditure comparison provided to members, attached and on committee website).

Glazier: The data is limited by variables it excludes; I would expect that there are hundreds of variables.

Representative Collins: Do we have unintended consequences by diagnostic centers not being under CON of people who have been affected?

Craig Smith: We have no comment from them.

Representative Avila: What would happen if diagnostic centers were removed from CON?

Craig Smith: If we remove, existing diagnostic centers who met all requirements would be at a disadvantage.

Representative Collins: What if clinical labs were removed?

Craig Smith: It might be ok with not the same consequences as diagnostic centers.

Representative Torbett: We have a large subject to cover and Representative Steen and I have discussed that perhaps it would be appropriate to provide an opportunity for committee members to drill down by specific interests and come back to the committee by the end of October with their findings. For an example I plan to drill down further into adding doctors and the total time for a CON application to the opening of doors for a new facility.

Representative Avila: I would like to look more at COPA.

Representative Glazier: I would like to focus on appeals process issue about the timing and discuss with OAH and AOC about ways to streamline the appellate process.

Representative Torbett: I will be requesting your help with this. Our overall goal is cost, access, and availability. Are there any members of the audience that would like to speak?

Representative Torbett adjourned the meeting.

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Representative John Torbett, Co-Chair, Presiding

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Representative Fred Steen, Co-Chair